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1. (Amended) A bulky sheet material having three-dimensional protrusions comprising a first layer and a second layer adjacent to the first layer, said first layer and said second layer being partly joined together at joints in a prescribed pattern, said first layer having a number of raised portions which are located among said joints, said second layer comprising a material which exhibits elastomeric behavior, and said bulky sheet material exhibiting elastomeric behavior as a whole and breathability, and

wherein said second layer comprises a fiber aggregate comprising fibers which are made of a thermoplastic polymer and exhibit thermal shrinkability and elastomeric behavior, and said first layer comprises a fiber aggregate comprising fibers which are made of a thermoplastic polymer and have substantially no thermal shrinkability or do not shrink at or below the thermal shrinkage temperature of said fibers exhibiting thermal shrinkability.

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5. (Amended) The bulky sheet material according to claim 1, wherein said second layer comprises a fiber aggregate comprising latent crimping fibers.